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<b>AMENDMENT &amp; RESPONSE</b>  Address to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231	Attorney Docket Confirmation No.	10003375-1 6797
	First Named Inventor	Harry F. Prest
	Application Number	09/692,245
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	Group Art Unit	1743
	Examiner Name	Jan M. Ludlow
	Title	Methods of Enhancing Confidence in Assays for Analytes

Dear Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated October 22, 2003, for which a three-month period for response was given making this response due on or before January 22, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

In view of the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

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